

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-07-0020

HLC DATE:

September 24, 2007

PC DATE:

October 23, 2007

APPLICANT: Donald T. Wells

HISTORIC NAME: Albert and Ruth Douglas House

WATERSHED: Town Lake

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 1200 Travis Heights Boulevard

ZONING FROM: SF-3-NP

TO: SF-3-H-NP

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from single family residence, neighborhood plan district (SF-3-NP) to single family residence, neighborhood plan – Historic (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence, neighborhood plan district (SF-3-NP) to single family residence, neighborhood plan – Historic (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning. Vote: 6-0 (Cuppett absent, Bunton and Mather off dais).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence, neighborhood plan district (SF-3-NP) to single family residence, neighborhood plan – Historic (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning. Vote: 9-0.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The Albert and Ruth Douglas House is listed as a Priority 2 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984). It was featured in the Heritage Society of Austin's Homes Tour in Travis Heights in 2005.

CITY COUNCIL DATE: November 29, 2007

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: South River City Neighborhood Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The ca. 1917 Albert and Ruth Douglas House is an excellent example of a Craftsman bungalow, and is associated with Eugene A. Murchison, a prominent grocer and president of the Austin School Board for 17 years (and for whom Murchison Middle School is named), William W. Boyd, the Commissioner of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, and Albert W. Douglas, the principal of the Texas School for the Deaf.

Architecture:

One-and-a-half story rectangular-plan side-gabled frame bungalow with a front-gabled partial-width entry porch on paired square wood posts atop stone piers; front-gabled dormer pierces the center of the roof in the front; single, paired, and triple 6:1 fenestration; false half-timbering in the tympanae of the porch and dormer front gables.

The ca. 1917 Albert and Ruth Douglas House exhibits the characteristics of an Arts and Crafts (or Craftsman) bungalow, a style which became very popular in the 1910s, and then commercialized in the 1920s by “catalog” housebuilders. The Arts and Crafts movement began as a reaction to the ornate styles characterizing the late Victorian age, when machine-made architectural details were the norm. The Arts and Crafts movement celebrated the individual craftsmen who hand-crafted wood, iron, and stonework, and emphasized showing the craftsmanship inherent in building a house. Architectural details are emphasized, and the method of construction is apparent from both the interior and exterior of the house. Bungalows were the perfect showcase for Craftsman houses; they emphasized a low, horizontal composition, low to the ground, and organic with its setting (as opposed to the Victorian Queen Annes, which stood out from their settings). With its combination of stone, wood, and false half-timbering, the Murchison-Douglas House is an excellent example of a Craftsman bungalow.

Historical Associations:

The house was built in 1917, directly across the street from the landmarked Stacy House on Travis Heights Boulevard, and was one of the first houses built in Travis Heights, which had been platted in 1913 by W.H. Stacy. The first owner of the property was E.W. Shonaker, but he does not appear as a resident of the house until listed in the 1927 city directory, where he listed his occupation as a traveling salesman. The first known residents of the house were Eugene Murchison (1873-1964) and his first wife, Emma, in 1918. Murchison moved to Austin from Del Valle around 1905 and became a partner in Caldwell-Murchison-Lee, a grocery business at 600-06 E. 6th Street. The business moved to 325 E. 6th Street by 1916, when Murchison was president, and was living at 305 Fannin Street; he moved into this house by 1918. He sold his grocery business in 1935 and became a Travis County Probation Officer. He was a member of the Austin School Board from 1919 to 1943, and served 17 of those years as Board President. Murchison Middle School was named for him in 1967. Murchison lived in this house only until 1920, then rented several other residences for the rest of his life.

William W. Boyd and his wife Pearl occupied the house from 1924 to 1927. Boyd was the Commissioner of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission from 1921 and 1924, and oversaw the release of the game fund monies to the Commission to hire wardens by the legislature in 1923. More wardens in the field greatly increased the number of hunting licenses sold.

After Boyd's residence in the house, Edwin W. Shonaker, the original owner, is listed as the owner and occupant in the 1927 city directory; the house was then rented out again for many years; Frank and Bessie Ephraim rented the house from the late 1920s through the mid-1930s; he was a plumber's helper with Fox-Schmidt, heating, electrical, and plumbing

contractors. A teacher, Frank Campbell, and his wife Mattie, owned the house from 1936 to 1942; Julius and Queen Schmidt owned the house from the mid-1940s through the early 1950s. He was a clerk at the Big Bear Food Store on South Congress Avenue.

From 1957 to 1983, the house was owned and occupied by Albert and Ruth Douglas. Albert Douglas (1916-1979) had been a teacher and supervisor of the American School for the Deaf in Connecticut and came to Austin in 1950 to become the curriculum coordinator for the Texas School of the Deaf. He was the principal of the school from 1954 to 1965 and superintendent from 1965 to 1972. He contributed as an expert in the education of the deaf in developing programs and services for the hearing impaired. From 1983 through 1993, the house was owned and occupied by Michael and Cynthia Pribilski; architect David Hoffman owned and occupied the house until 1998 with his wife Binnie; it was sold to the present owner in 2000.

PARCEL NO.: 03104060710000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 5 and the South 15 feet of Lot 6, Block 27, Travis Heights

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$10,662 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$2,000 (capped)

APPRAISED VALUE: \$778,277

PRESENT USE: Residence

CONDITION: Excellent

PRESENT OWNERS

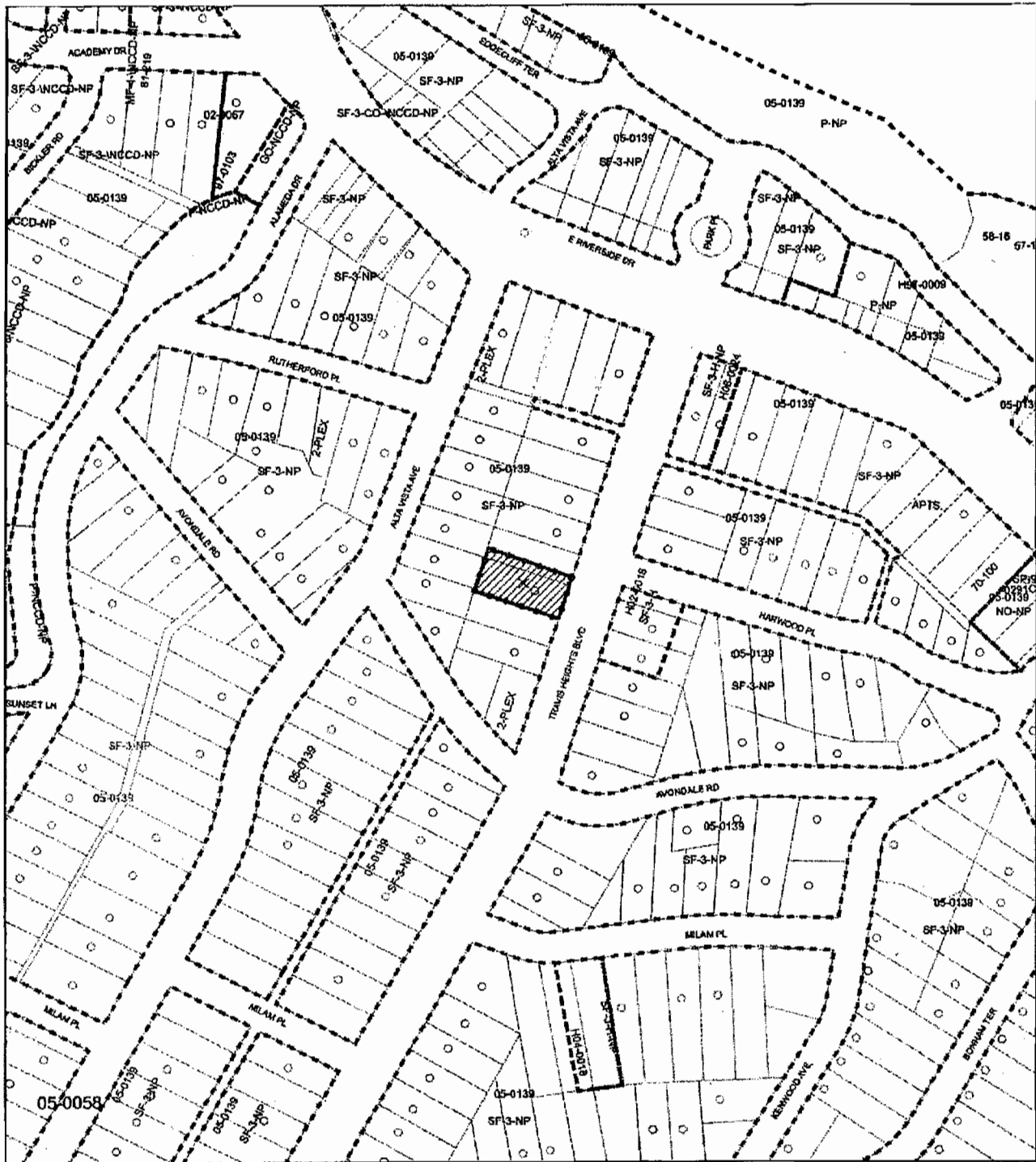
Donald T. and P. Kathleen Wells
1200 Travis Heights Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78704

DATE BUILT: ca. 1917

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: A carport was constructed and an open porch enclosed in 1952; the house was remodeled and repaired in 1962; David Hoffman restored the handrails from the front porch from ghost marks and enclosed the carport under the back deck, making it a garage in the 1990s; the current owner constructed a two-story addition to the back of the house with a rooftop deck in 2002; it is not visible from the front of the house.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Edwin W. and Iphigenia Shonaker (1917)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.



1" = 200'

 Subject Tract

 Zoning Boundary

 Pending Cases

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

HISTORIC ZONING

CASE#: C14H-2007-0020

ADDRESS: 1200 TRAVIS HEIGHTS BLVD

SUBJECT AREA: 0.00 ACRES

GRID: J20

OPERATOR: S. SADOWSKY



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Murchison-Douglas House
1200 Travis Heights Boulevard
ca. 1917

*Application for Historic Zoning
(Historic Landmark Designation)*

Murchison-Douglas House

1200 Travis Heights Boulevard
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Application submitted: August 2007

A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

OK to go
SS 8/15-07

PROJECT INFORMATION:

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY	
APPLICATION DATE: <u>08/22/07</u>	FILE NUMBER(S): <u>C14H-2007-0029</u>
TENTATIVE HLC DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE CC DATE: _____	CITY INITIATED: YES / NO
CASE MANAGER: <u>Shirley</u>	ROLLBACK: YES / NO
APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: <u>Shirley</u>	

BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME: Donald T. Wells
2. PROJECT NAME: Murchison - Douglas House
3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): 1200 Travis Heights Boulevard
ZIP: 78704 COUNTY: Travis
IF PROJECT ADDRESS CANNOT BE DEFINED ABOVE:
LOCATED _____ FRONTAGE FEET ALONG THE N. S. E. W. (CIRCLE ONE) SIDE OF
_____, (ROAD NAME PROPERTY FRONTS ONTO), WHICH IS
APPROXIMATELY _____ DISTANCE FROM ITS
INTERSECTION WITH _____ CROSS STREET.

AREA TO BE REZONED:

4. ACRES	(OR)	SQ.FT. _____			
5. ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION:					
EXISTING ZONING	EXISTING USE	TRACT# (IF MORE THAN 1)	ACRES / SQ. FT.	PROPOSED USE	PROPOSED ZONING
<u>SF-3</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Lot 5 & South 15ft of 6</u>	_____	<u>Residential</u>	<u>SF-3-H</u>

RELATED CURRENT CASES:

6. ACTIVE ZONING CASE?	(YES / NO)	FILE NUMBER:	<u>n/a</u>
7. RESTRICTIVE COVENANT?	(YES / NO)	FILE NUMBER:	<u>n/a</u>
8. SUBDIVISION?	(YES / NO)	FILE NUMBER:	<u>n/a</u>
9. SITE PLAN?	(YES / NO)	FILE NUMBER:	<u>n/a</u>

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: Travis Heights Subdivision

Block(s) 27 Lot(s) 5 & South 15' of Lot 6 Outlot(s) _____

Plat Book: _____ Page _____

Number: _____

10b. METES AND BOUNDS (Attach two copies of certified field notes if subdivision reference is not available or zoning includes partial lots)

DEED REFERENCE CONVEYING PROPERTY TO PRESENT OWNER AND TAX PARCEL I.D.:

11. VOLUME: _____ **PAGE:** _____ **TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.** 03010406070000

OTHER PROVISIONS:

12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE? YES / NO

TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD, NP, etc) _____

13. LOCATED IN A LOCAL OR NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES / NO

14. IS A TIA REQUIRED? YES / NO (NOT REQUIRED IF BASE ZONING IS NOT CHANGING)

TRIPS PER DAY: n/a

TRAFFIC SERIAL ZONE(S): n/a

OWNERSHIP TYPE:

15. ☒ SOLE ☐ COMMUNITY PROPERTY ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ CORPORATION ☐ TRUST

If ownership is other than sole or community property, list individuals/partners/principals below or attach separate sheet.

OWNER INFORMATION:

16. OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION

SIGNATURE:  NAME: Donald T. Wells

FIRM NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: (512) 656-1802

STREET ADDRESS: 1200 Travis Heights Boulevard

CITY: Austin STATE: TX ZIP CODE: 78704

EMAIL ADDRESS: dwwells@sfaustin.com

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION

SIGNATURE: n/a NAME: n/a

FIRM NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY: _____

D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.**

Donald T. Wells 08-20-2007
Signature Date

Donald T. Wells
Name (Typed or Printed)

Firm (If applicable)

INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

As owner or authorized agent, my signature authorizes staff to visit and inspect the property for which this application is being submitted.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.**

Donald T. Wells 08-20-2007
Signature Date

Donald T. Wells
Name (Typed or Printed)

Firm (If applicable)

E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

concerning
Subdivision Plat Notes, Deed Restrictions,
Restrictive Covenants
and / or
Zoning Conditional Overlays

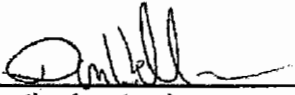
I, Donald T. Wells have checked for subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions,
(Print name of applicant)

restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain development restrictions i.e. height, access, screening etc. on this property, located at

1200 Travis Heights Boulevard, Austin, Travis County, Texas 78704

If a conflict should result with the request I am submitting to the City of Austin due to subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays it will be my responsibility to resolve it. I also acknowledge that I understand the implications of use and/or development restrictions that are a result of a subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays.

I understand that if requested, I must provide copies of any and all subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlay information which may apply to this property.


(Applicant's signature)

08-20-2007
(Date)

TAX CERTIFICATE
Nelda Wells Spears
Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector
P.O. Box 1748
Austin, Texas 78767
(512) 854-9473

NO 608719

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 03-0104-0607-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

WELLS DONALD T & P KATHLEEN WE
P KATHLEEN WELLS
1200 TRAVIS HEIGHTS BLVD
AUSTIN, TX 78704-2527

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

LOT 5 *& S15FT LOT 6 BLK 27 TRAVIS
HEIGHTS

ACRES 0.000 MIN* .00000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 1200 TRAVIS HEIGHTS BV

This is to certify that after a careful check of tax records of this office, the following taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties and interests are due on the described property of the following tax unit(s):

YEAR	ENTITY	TOTAL
2006	AUSTIN ISD	*ALL PAID*
	CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV)	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	*ALL PAID*
	ACC (TRAVIS)	*ALL PAID*
TOTAL SEQUENCE 0		*ALL PAID*
TOTAL TAX:		*ALL PAID*
UNPAID FEES:		* NONE *
INTEREST ON FEES:		* NONE *
COMMISSION:		* NONE *
TOTAL DUE ==>		*ALL PAID*

TAXES PAID FOR YEAR 2006 \$15,166.52

ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2006 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID YEARS LISTED ABOVE.
The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback taxes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code).
Pursuant to Section 31.08 of the State Property Tax Code, there is a fee of \$10.00 for all Tax Certificates.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS DATE OF 07/11/2007









Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: Nelda Wells Spears

*the South 15' of LOT 6

LEGEND

 1/2" IRON PIPE FOUND
 1/2" REBAR FOUND
 1/2" REBAR SET
 BARB WIRE FENCE
 CHAIN LINK FENCE
 WOOD FENCE
 B.L. BUILDING LINE
 P.U.E. PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT
 () RECORD INFORMATION
 POWER POLE
 OVERHEAD POWER LINE

S 30°05'01"W 64.58'
(65.00')

1200 TRAVIS HEIGHTS BOULEVARD

Murchison-Douglas House
1200 Travis Heights Boulevard
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Brief Chronology and Overview of the Property's History and Development

The property described as 1200 Travis Heights Boulevard is Lot 5 and the South 15 feet of Lot 6, Block 27, Travis Heights Subdivision, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 17, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

The development of the Travis Heights Subdivision began in 1913 by The Travis Heights Company and Citizens Loan & Investment Company. Lot 5 of the Travis Heights Subdivision, also known as 1200 Travis Heights Boulevard, was deeded to E.W. Shonaker in 1914. In 1917, the two story bungalow style house was constructed making it one of the original structures in the Travis Heights Subdivision. The house sits directly across the street from the former home of General W.H. Stacy, the developer of the Travis Heights Subdivision.

Sometime after World War II, a portion of the wrap-around porch was enclosed to create an additional room to the main living areas of the home. However, the front porch continues to span the breadth of the house.

The property was expanded in 1965 when A.W. and Ruth Douglas purchased the south 15 feet of Lot 6, Block 27.

In 1994, the home was purchased by David and Binnie Hoffman. The Hoffmans uncovered a window on the south side of the living room and converted it into a television cabinet. In addition, they restored handrails for the front porch from ghost marks and enclosed the carport under the back deck making a garage.

In 2002, the current owner and applicant, Donald Wells, added a two-story addition to the back of the house which is not visible from the street. This addition included a master suite and game room as well as a rooftop deck with a view of downtown Austin and Town Lake (now known as Lady Bird Lake).

Summary of Primary Uses and Occupants

Since its construction, the house has been conveyed to many people and has been used only for residential purposes.

One prominent occupant of the house was Eugene Alexander Murchison. Mr. Murchison moved to Austin from De Valle, Texas in 1905 to become a partner in the grocery firm named the Caldwell-Murchison-Lee Company. He owned and operated grocery stores on both Congress Avenue and Sixth Street. He retired from the grocery business in 1935. Murchison was a member of the Austin School Board for 24 years (1919-1943), including 6 years as Vice President and 17 years as President. This was the longest tenure of service for a board member in the history of the Austin School system. He taught a Sunday school class of seventh grade boys at First Methodist Church for 45 years. He was Scout Master of Austin's Boy Scout Troop 2 from 1920 to 1934. Murchison was also a Travis County Probation officer for 13 years (1935-1948).

His awards and recognitions include the Austin School Board's Citation for Service Award, a golden-headed walking cane presented by Boy Scout Troop 2, the Austin Rotary Club's Distinguished Community Service Award, and the Texas Heritage Foundation's Distinguished Service Medal. In 1967, Murchison Junior High School (now known as Murchison Middle School) was named in his honor. The City of Austin's Murchison Pool is also named for the former resident of the house.

Research on Mr. Murchison revealed a fun fact regarding his Aunt Nancy Jane. On June 16, 1837, a child was born to Alexander and Mary Nicholson Murchison. Civic leaders were excited, as this infant was the first white child born in Austin. City fathers asked Alexander and Mary to name their newborn daughter, Austin. In exchange, the Murchisons would be awarded a jersey cow and several city lots. The Murchisons already owned both land and cattle and preferred the name Nancy Jane. Nancy Jane Murchison was the paternal aunt of Eugene Alexander Murchison.

The Austin City Directory records Eugene A. Murchison residing with his first wife, Emma H. Murchison, at 1200 Travis Heights Boulevard from 1918 through 1920. The City Directory places Mr. Murchison at five other residencies during the sixty years that he lived in Austin, including 1304 Alta Vista where he resided for 20 years (1939-1959).

Another prominent occupant of the house was William Walter Boyd. Mr. Boyd lived in the house with his wife, Pearl, from 1924 to 1927. Boyd served as the Commissioner of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission from 1921-1924. Appointed by the Governor, his duties included the protection of birds and game of Texas as well as fish, turtles, terrapin of the bays and coastal waters of the state, and the protection of both natural and private oyster beds and reefs. Boyd's service resulted in a great increase in these natural resources. Under his leadership, the Texas legislature of 1923 turned over the entire game fund to the Commission with authority to hire any reasonable number of wardens within its power to enforce the game laws.

This was a turning point in the fate of Texas fauna. About 45 wardens were placed in the field, which quickly resulted in doubling the sale of state hunting licenses. The enforcement of game laws came as a great surprise in some sections of the state where no game warden had ever been seen before, according to reports of Honorable Boyd. In 1963, the Game and Fish Commission (previously known as the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission) merged with the Texas State Parks Board to form the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Between 1957 and 1983, the owners and residents of the house were Albert W. and Ruth L. Douglas. Mr. Douglas was involved in educating the hearing impaired for over 30 years. Before coming to Texas, Douglas served both as a teacher and a supervisor at the American School for the Deaf (Hartford, CT) and as an acoustic expert with the U.S. Army. Douglas joined Texas School for the Deaf in 1950 as the curriculum coordinator. Douglas served as the principal of the Texas School for the Deaf (1954-1965) and later as the superintendent (1965-1972). He corroborated with other leaders in his field. "Fortunately," Douglas once said, "We don't have professional secrets for teaching the deaf, and schools throughout the country exchange ideas." As Superintendent, Douglas also served on the National Advisory Committee for the Office of Demographic Studies at Gallaudet College (Washington, D.C.), as one of twenty-five experts in deaf education. This committee gathered information designed to guide and assist agencies that provide services to the hearing impaired. During and following these times, education of the hearing-impaired became advanced and sophisticated, and benefited greatly through the development and standardization of new teaching practices and techniques.

Architecture

The house at 1200 Travis Heights Boulevard is an excellent example of an Arts and Crafts Style bungalow, commonly referred to as a "Craftsman Style" bungalow. The most prominent element in the style of a bungalow is its roof, which defines the scale and presence of the house. The triangular gable ends of many bungalows feature substantial wood brackets, sometimes called "knee-braces" which project under the eaves. The Craftsman Style almost always emphasizes structural elements as integral part of its design. This style tends to minimize pure decoration in favor of elements that suggest strength and substance. The eaves provide a showcase for the rhythmic feature of exposed rafter ends or "rafter tails." Bungalow roofs spread themselves generously over the house. The form of the front porch roof is usually determined by that of the overall roof and may simply be an extension of that roof. The range of building materials used in Craftsman Style bungalows is predominated by the use of wood and its joinery. The type of brick or rock used in Arts and Crafts architecture generally reflected the material that was readily available in that region of the country. Of course, this two-story wood-framed house sits on white Austin limestone.

The front porch is usually the focal point of the façade, part of an unfolding sequence of spaces leading from the street to the front door that establishes the character of the house. The porch columns (usually wood atop a brick or stone base) are prominent elements of a bungalow's façade, and are subject to extreme variation in style. Front porches usually offered some asymmetry. This could be obtained by a wrap-around porch, an off-centered front door, and/or an odd number of columns. If there were an even number of column bases, sometimes one column would be purposefully excluded.

The front door usually opens directly into the living room. The focal point of the main living area is invariably the fireplace, usually located for maximum visibility and impact. Brick was very popular for fireplace designs, especially the mixing of bricks of different color. The warmth of natural woodwork, usually dark was considered appropriate in the main living areas. Typical features like boxed-beamed ceilings, and door and window casings showcased the textural variations of natural wood. Wood floors were favored as being easy to maintain and were considered less likely to harbor dust and germs than the wall-to-wall carpeting favored in the Victorian era. An effective supplement to overall plain wall finishes was the use of stenciling, usually found as a decorative border above wainscoting or near ceilings. The typical predominance of dark woodwork color schemes of the early 20th century blended nicely with earthy, yet pleasing shades of sand, ochre, yellow, or terracotta with blue and/or green detail in the living spaces. Bedrooms and bathrooms did not usually contain substantial wood workings or follow these color schemes.

In recent years, there has been a groundswell of interest in recognizing that the bungalow, as a significant and historic type of American housing, should be preserved. Interest in the bungalow has been given much of its momentum by an ever increasing public recognition and appreciation of the Arts and Craft movement. The neighborhood of Travis Heights once had many homes that represented the Arts and Crafts Style bungalow. These houses have been slowly disappearing or have been remodeled beyond recognition.

Historic Landmark Criteria

This property is now 90 years old and retains significant integrity of materials and design that convey its historic appearance. As described above, the house embodies the distinguishing characteristics, and is an excellent example of an Arts and Crafts Style bungalow. The property has significant associations with persons (previous owners and residents) who greatly contributed to the history of Austin. Being one of the original houses built in the Travis Heights neighborhood, it contributes to the character and image of the city. It remains a familiar visual feature of the neighborhood. In May 2005, the house was featured in the Heritage Society of Austin's Home Tour. Leading up to the homes tour, the house was chosen as the venue for a lecture titled, *Travis Heights: Its Homes, Families and History*, and the house and owner were used in a News 8 Austin news story promoting the tour.

DEED CHAIN

File No. A-070017

This is to certify that we have searched the records of Travis County in the Office of Heritage Title Company of Austin, Inc., from February 13, 1914 at 8:00 a.m. through February 16, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. as to the following described property, to-wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot 5 and the south 15' of Lot 6, Block 27, Travis Heights Subdivision, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 17, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

The following described deeds to the above referenced property are as listed below:

- 1. Warranty Deed dated February 21, 1913, recorded in Volume 264, Page 382, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Travis Heights Company to Citizens Loan & Investment Company. (234 acres)***
- 2. Warranty Deed dated June 13, 1914, recorded in Volume 265, Page 366, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Citizens Loan and Investment Company to E. W. Shonaker. (Lot 5)***
- 3. Warranty Deed dated October 23, 1922, recorded in Volume 340, Page 366, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by E. W. Shonaker to Iphi Shonaker. (Lot 5)***
- 4. Warranty Deed dated July 11, 1932, recorded in Volume 448, Page 604, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Mrs. Iphi Shonaker to D. B. Shuberg. (Lot 5)***
- 5. Quit Claim Deed dated September 11, 1930, recorded in Volume 459, Page 41, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by the City of Austin to Anna Williams. (Lot 6)***
- 6. Warranty Deed dated December 9, 1935, recorded in Volume 525, Page 295, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Mrs. Anna Williams to Gibraltar Savings & Building Association. (Lot 6)***
- 7. Warranty Deed dated August 1, 1936, recorded in Volume 549, Page 23, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by D. B. Shuberg to Frank Campbell and wife, Mrs. Mattie M. Campbell. (Lot 5)***

8. *Warranty Deed dated August 4, 1936, recorded in Volume 549, Page 25, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Frank Campbell and wife, Mrs. Mattie M. Campbell to Frank B. Campbell. (Lot 5)*

9. *Warranty Deed dated April 30, 1942, recorded in Volume 698, Page 324, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Frank Campbell and wife, Mattie Mae Campbell and Frank B. Campbell and wife, Mary Ann Campbell to A. J. Mears and wife, Katherine Mears. (Lot 5)*

10. *Warranty Deed dated September 25, 1945, recorded in Volume 773, Page 396, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Gibraltar Savings & Building Association to Joe W. Floerke and wife, Mary Edith Floerke. (Lot 6)*

11. *Warranty Deed dated March 1, 1946, recorded in Volume 777, Page 524, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by A. J. Mears and wife, Katherine Mears to Julius H. Schmidt and wife, Queen E. Schmidt. (Lot 5)*

12. *Warranty Deed dated May 28, 1952, recorded in Volume 1113, Page 452, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Julius H. Schmidt and wife, Queen E. Schmidt to W. R. Nabours. (Lot 5)*

13. *Warranty Deed dated May 20, 1954, recorded in Volume 1454, Page 180, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Joe W. Floerke and wife, Mary Edith Floerke to M. L. McWhorter. (Lot 6)*

14. *Warranty Deed dated August 6, 1954, recorded in Volume 1490, Page 109, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by M. L. McWhorter to Jack D. Burkett. (Lot 6)*

15. *Warranty Deed dated March 1, 1956, recorded in Volume 1675, Page 145, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by W. R. Nabours and wife, Lula S. Nabours to Albert W. Douglas and wife, Ruth L. Douglas. (Lot 5)*

16. *Warranty Deed dated July 16, 1956, recorded in Volume 1711, Page 73, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Jack D. Burkett and wife, Barbara J. Burkett to Red Bird Properties, Inc. (Lot 6)*

17. *Warranty Deed dated February 28, 1957, recorded in Volume 1790, Page 112, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Red Bird Properties, Inc., to George G. Price and wife, Margarete S. Price. (Lot 6)*

18. *Warranty Deed dated April 30, 1962, recorded in Volume 2543, Page 83, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by George G. Price and Margarete S. Price to Albert W. Douglas and wife, Ruth Douglas. (South 15' of Lot 6)*

19. Warranty Deed dated April 29, 1983, recorded in Volume 8076, Page 334, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Ruth L. Douglas to Michael J. Pribilski and spouse, Cynthia A. Pribilski. (Lot 5 and the south 15' of Lot 6)

20. Warranty Deed dated (no date given), filed June 7, 1993, recorded in Volume 11951, Page 907, Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Michael J. Pribilski to Cynthia A. Pribilski. (Lot 5 and the south 15' of Lot 6)

21. Warranty Deed dated February 24, 1994, recorded in Volume 12133, Page 3065, Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Cynthia Pribilski to David Hirsch Hoffman and spouse, Binnie D. Hoffman. (Lot 5 and the south 15' of Lot 6)

22. Warranty Deed dated July 13, 1998, recorded in Volume 13223, Page 3506, Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by David Hirsch Hoffman and spouse, Binnie D. Hoffman to Nicole H. Monacelli. (Lot 5 and the south 15' of Lot 6)

23. Warranty Deed dated April 11, 2000, recorded under Document No. 2000055540, corrected under Document No. 2000094499, Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, executed by Nicole H. Monacelli and spouse, George Monacelli to Donald T. Wells and wife, P. Kathleen Wells. (Lot 5 and the south 15' of Lot 6)

This certificate is for the use of and shall inure to the benefit of Ms. Michelle Grandt and is issued in consideration of \$0.00 paid to **Heritage Title Company of Austin, Inc., (The Company)** by same to whom said sum shall be returned as liquidated damages in the event of any mistake, error and or omissions herein, and by accepting this certificate, same agrees that said sum and no more shall constitute the full measure of damages against the Company. None of the information contained herein, or the absence of other information constitutes a representation to any party as to the status of the title to the subject property. If a title defect and/or encumbrance should exist which is not disclosed herein, the Company shall not be liable by reason of furnishing this certificate or for any verbal statements related thereto. The Company shall not be liable for any title defect unless a title policy is hereafter issued by its insuring against such title defect, and the applicable title policy premium paid. The company's liability shall then exist only under the terms of its policy as prescribed by the Department of Insurance and as measured and limited thereby.

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Grantor, Patricia Kathleen Wells, a single person residing in Travis County, Texas and an owner in fee simple of all the property described below, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby GRANTS and CONVEYS, to:

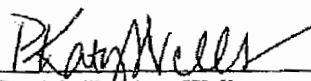
Donald Thomas Wells
1200 Travis Heights Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78704

hereinafter referred to as Grantee, that certain tract and parcel of real property located in Travis County, Texas, described as follows:

LOT 5 & S 15 FT LOT 6, BLK 27, TRAVIS HEIGHTS

To have and to hold in fee simple all property described, together with all the rights and appurtenances lawfully accompanying it, by the Grantee and the Grantee's heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns forever. Grantor binds herself, her heirs, personal representatives, spouses, successors, and assigns to warrant and forever defend the property against every person lawfully claiming or claim all or any part of the property.

EXECUTED on this date by Grantor.


Patricia Kathleen Wells
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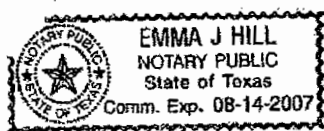
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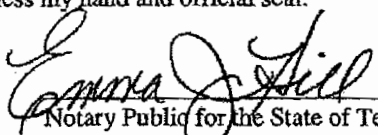
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 17th day of July, 2007, to certify which witness my hand and official seal.




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Preliminary Occupancy List 1200 Travis Heights Boulevard

Based on research by Phoebe Allen with the Heritage Society & Deed Chain Research

Year	Occupant Name and Reference	Source
1918	Murchison, Eugene A. (Emma H.) pres Murchison-Lee Co res 1200 Travis Hts. Blvd	CD
1920	Eugene A. Murchison (r) (Emma H.), pres. Murchison Lee Co res 1200 Travis Heights Blvd. (also: Addie M. Murchison, student)	CD
1922	Birkman, Wm F. (Isabel H), trav(eling salesman) r 1200 TrHeightBvd Birkman, Augusta, and Edgar S. (student UT), and Rosa Jean (student UT) 1200 Travis Hts	CD
1924	W.W. Boyd(Pearl), Commissioner of State Game, Fish & Oyster Comm.	CD
1927	Shonaker, Edwin W. (Iphiginia) trav h 1200 Travis Heights Blvd	CD
1929-1932/3	Frank Ephraim (Bessie), helper Fox-Schmidt	?
1929	Ephraim, Harriet, filing clk St. Bd of Examiners	?
1930-31	Ephraim, Frank J. plumbing Helper, Fox Schmidt	?
1935	Ephraim, Bessie (wid frank) h 1200 Travis Hts Blvd	?
1937	Frank Campbell (Mattie M) tchr h 1200 Travis Hts Blvd	?

1940	Frank Campbell (Mattie M) h 1200 Travis Hts Blvd (no occ listed)	?
1942	Campbell, Frank	?
1942-45	Mears, AJ (Katherine)?	Deeds
1946	Julius & Queen E. Schmidt	Deed
1947	Schmidt, Julius H.	CD
1949	Schmidt, Julius (Queen E.) clk Big Bear Food Store	CD
1952	Schmidt	CD
1953	Vacant	?
1954-55	Smith, Johnie L. (Billie) distr, St. Clair Oil Co	?
1956-83	Douglas, Albert W. (Ruth L.) prin State School for the Deaf	Deeds & ?
1983-93	Michael J& Cynthia A Pribilski	Deed
1994	Cynthia A Pribilski	Deed
1994-98	Binnie D. Hoffman & David Hirsch Hoffman	Deed
1998-200	Nicole & George Monacelli	Deed
2000-present	Donald T. Wells	Deed

Eugene A. Murchison

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Did you know...

- When Murchison opened, the cafeteria only served tray lunches. There were no snack lines or vending machines for students.

- In fall 1973, Murchison's 9th grade moved up to high school, leaving only grades 7 and 8. There were about 600 students at Murchison in 1983-84.

- Murchison became a middle school in 1987 when the sixth grade was added.

- The MMS enrollment in the 1996-97 school year is about 1,241 students, with 453 6th graders, 411 7th graders, and 377 8th graders.

- Today Murchison has 8 portable buildings with 16 classrooms. A 12 classroom addition will be built with school bond funds approved in 1996.

- Murchison Pool, owned by the City of Austin, opened in 1974.

- Murchison is the home of the Northwest Austin Kickball League.

Murchison Community School

The Murchison campus has been the home of Murchison Community School since March 1983. Donna Green has been the campus coordinator since the very beginning, and Gwen Sederholm has been her assistant since 1984. The Community School coordinates the evening and weekend classes at Murchison, as well as the use of the building and fields for after-hours activities such as basketball and soccer.

The Community School has helped to make Murchison a hub of the community—a welcoming school that is used seven days a week to meet academic and recreational needs of children and adults!

Who Was E. A. Murchison?

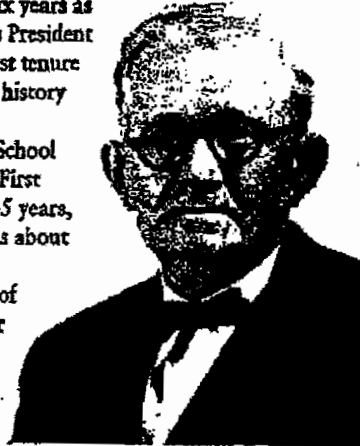
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E. A. MURCHISON, LEFT, HONORED BY TEXAS HERITAGE FOUNDATION
Garland Adair, executive director, presented medal and scroll Wednesday.

Heritage Medal

E. A. Murchison Honored

By EMILY STAFFORD

A grand old man of Austin was honored Wednesday by the Texas Heritage Foundation, which presented the Distinguished Service Medal to E. A. Murchison, businessman and civic leader, here since the early days of the century.

Now in failing health, he participated actively in civic work and efforts over the years to see the medal is still shiny, however, his Wednesday he greeted with pleasure old friends who came to his home at 1007 West Avenue for the occasion.

Edward Adair, executive director of the Foundation, made the presentation of the medal and spoke recognizing Murchison's and meritorious service in his

serving the Texas heritage.

The scroll was signed by Prince Daniel, honorary chairman, Texas Heritage Foundation, and Adair.

On hand for the ceremony Wednesday were Lee Wilborn, of the State Department of Commerce,

James L. Jones, principal of University Junior High School, Walter Lee, former secretary of Austin Chamber of Commerce, and other community prominent persons. Also present were Mrs. Adair and Mrs. Murchison and several members of the Adair and Murchison families.

In presenting the award, Adair, who was at the hospital himself, called Murchison "one of the great men in Austin's history."

Speaking of Murchison's long service as a probation officer and as leader of Boy Scout Troop 2, Wilborn said, "It has been the habit of men throughout history to build monuments. Mr. Murchison chose his own type of monument and built it in boys."

Wilborn worked for Murchison in his grocery store in 1930's. Nelson lauded Murchison's long service as president of the school board. "He served as president longer (24 years) than anyone else in Austin's history."

Dr. Carruth, speaking as a relative stranger, said that when he came to Austin in 1930, "I could see marks of E. A. Murchison in the school system. I have never been anywhere else where one man stood out in a school system as Murchison does."

Murchison accepted the honor with a twinkle in his eye, warning the bystanders not to "believe everything they've said," and thanking others for "not making speeches."

He was carrying with him a gold-headed cane, presented to him in 1923 by members of Boy Scout Troop 2, which he founded.

Murchison is a Spanish-American War veteran, a Rotarian, retired grocer, a Boy Scout worker, long-time at Sunday School teacher, veteran member of the Austin Board of Education.

He served as Travis County probation officer for 13 years, helping what he called "unfortunate boys who didn't have the opportunity to be good."

After his retirement from the grocery business, he continued his civic activities and joined the Austin Volunteer Bureau to help young boys who needed a father or grandfather.

Last fall the Rotary Club presented him with a Community Service Award in recognition of his accomplishments and hard work. He joined the club in 1919.

He also has a Citation for Service from Austin Public School System.

He is a man who, as Dr. Carruth said Wednesday, "has helped raise the citizenship level of the city through the work he has done."

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 Premium Hams, lb. 33c
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 Best Compound Lard, lb. 26c
 New Potatoes, lb. 2 1/2c
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 3-lb. Crisco 95c
 6-lb. Crisco \$1.95
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 5-lb. Premium Lard \$1.40
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 Corn Flour—white, lb. 7c
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 Rice Flour, lb. 12c
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Mrs. Murchison still resides in Austin. One son, Eugene A., lives in New Orleans, and the other, H. L., lives in Houston.



E. A. MURCHISON

DEDICATORY PROGRAM

Dennis E. Cowan, Principal, Presiding

Band Concert	Murchison Junior High School Band Dr. Frank Phillips, Director
Invocation	Mr. Keith Miller Murchison Patron
Welcome	Dr. Glen E. Journeay President, Murchison PTA
Special Music	Murchison Junior High School Choir Mr. Russell Sayers, Director
Introduction of Guests	Mr. Irby B. Carruth Superintendent of Schools
Dedicatory Remarks	Mr. Clint Small Jr. President, Board of School Trustees



EUGENE A. MURCHISON

Civic Man Murchison Dead at 90

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ison moved from private to sergeant.

Coming back to Central Texas after the conflict, he launched a business and civic career seldom equaled in its achievements or responsibilities for more than three decades.

He came to Austin and set up a grocery store. For 30 years he established himself as a successful businessman, owning grocery stores up and down "old Congress Avenue" and on East Sixth Street. He retired from active business in the mid-1930's.

Murchison's lifelong work with Boy Scouts began in 1903 with the famed Troop Two of Austin. He was the second scoutmaster in the city's history. In official capacities he was with Scouting for 31 years.

In 1919 he was elected to the Austin school board, a seat he held 23 years — 18 years as president. Veteran school superintendent Irby Carruth said when he came to Austin in 1959 he "could see marks of E. A. Murchison in the school system . . . he helped raise the citizenship level of the city through the work he has done."

In 1925, after selling his store, he was appointed Travis County probation officer to deal with so-called bad boys — something he refused to believe existed. He held the job 13 years.

During the 45 years that Murchison was an indispensable part of Austin's community life he taught a Sunday School class for 12-year-old boys at First Methodist Church. It was done in the classic tradition: straight from the Bible. He served the church also as an honorary steward.

In 1958 a severe attack of arthritis struck the 85-year-old workhorse. After long weeks in hospitals, he gave up all outside activities, including his beloved Rotary Club of which he had been a member since 1919.

Civic Man Murchison Dead at 90

Am. 10/7/64

Civic leader Eugene A. Murchison Sr. died Tuesday in a local hospital at the age of 90.

Funeral will be Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. B. C. Schmidt and Rev. Carroll Weedon officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Murchison had served Austin since the turn of the century as civic leader, businessman, church worker, youth helper and school leader.

He is survived by his widow, Maggie, 1047 West Avenue; two sons, E. A. Murchison Jr., New Orleans, and H. L. Murchison, Houston; brother Homer Murchison, Bastrop; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Murchison grew up on a farm in Bastrop County. After finishing rural schools, he earned a teacher's certificate and taught for six years. Though he left the profession, his interest, insight and work in the field of education sharpened with every passing year.

Leaving his school job, he settled in Del Valle and entered the mercantile business until the Spanish-American War lured him into service. With the armed forces for a year, Murchison

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Albert W. Douglas

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DEDICATION



Albert W. Douglas

Mr. Albert W. Douglas, whose adult life was spent helping deaf people, died in Austin on April 6 at the age of 63. Mr. Douglas's career, which spanned nearly four decades of working with and for the deaf, included many years at TSD, which he joined in 1950 as curriculum coordinator. In 1954 he became principal, a position he held until 1965 when he was named as superintendent. Mr. Douglas served in this capacity until 1972, when he resigned in order to work with the Texas Education Agency. There he

was the chief consultant for Special Education.

A native of Brattleboro, Vt., Mr. Douglas earned a B.S. in Education at the University of South Carolina in 1938 and a M.A. in Education of the Deaf at Gallaudet College in 1941. He completed additional graduate work at the University of Connecticut, New Britain Teachers College and The University of Texas.

Before coming to Austin Mr. Douglas served as both a teacher and a supervisor at the American School for the

Deaf and as an acoustic expert with the U.S. Army.

During his stay at TSD Mr. Douglas also found time to lecture at The University of Texas and to teach a number of summer sessions at Western Reserve and Texas Women's College.

Let us remember and honor this man who devoted so much of his life to the service of others and who continues to live through his many contributions which enrich the lives of the present TSD family.



Superintendent Grace managed the school until 1963, when the schools for the blind and for the deaf were combined, and Grace became the Director of Special Schools for the State of Texas. Under this arrangement, the schools shared one business office located on TSD's South Campus. The business office director, Glen Albright, held the same rank as the superintendents of the deaf and blind schools. There was a positive aspect of the division of labor, which continued until 1981 when the two schools were divided, each with its own board. With the director of business having the responsibility for fiscal matters, the superintendent turned his attention to administrative problems created by the addition of a new second campus and the need for integration.

movement in public schools at that time. When the Middle School was relocated on South Campus, the black students went with it. The elementary school for students ages 6 to 10 went to East Campus. The changes took some administrative juggling, but the moves and integration, which took place in a time of statewide racial tension, went smoothly at TSD.

But there were other, less obvious changes taking place in the "outside world" which would have a more profound impact on the school than integration. Among these factors was the rubella epidemic in 1964 and 1965, which caused a swelling of the East Campus population in the 1970s to 250 students and forced the faculty to adapt the curriculum for the special needs of these students. This "rubella bubble" demanded

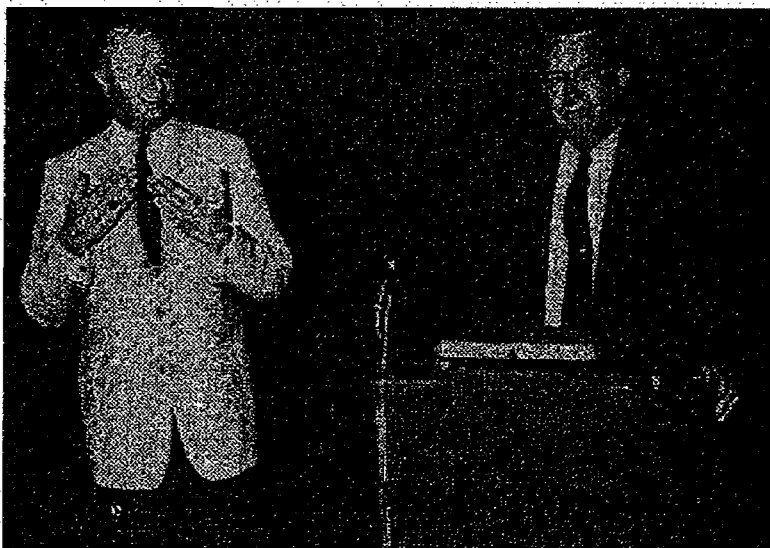
School Program for the Deaf. He joined the Texas Education Agency as director of deaf education, administering the regional schools established under Senate Bill 803.

While these factors were shaping TSD's student population and programs, the deaf community was undergoing its own metamorphosis. The deaf were strongly seeking a sense of identity and control of their own destiny. The advocacy movements among minorities were teaching the deaf ways to have a successful impact upon the issues relating to them. The increased recognition of rights and responsibilities of parents, both deaf and hearing, and of deaf children themselves manifested itself through due process procedures which forced parents, students, employees and school administrators into opposite corners.

No longer was TSD an island unto itself. It began to lose ground as the social, emotional, physical, spiritual and educational center for the deaf community. With the advent of day school programs, mainstreaming and the realization that children need to be trained to function in society, big changes began to take place at the school.

Dr. Virgil Edmond Plathouse came to TSD as its superintendent in 1974, when the school and the deaf community were undergoing enormous change. A former houseparent and teacher who had been inspired to seek a doctorate in the education of the deaf, Plathouse led TSD through the transition period when jurisdiction of the school moved from the State Board of Education, which had controlled the school since 1951, to a newly-created subcommittee, which would serve as a nine-member local board appointed by the governor. Under this combined leadership, significant strides were made toward a more comprehensive educational program.

National legislation mandated that 18-year-olds be treated as adults. With that status, the older deaf students began to press for the freedoms and responsibilities inherent therein. The school adopted yet another philosophical shift, emphasizing the concept of "privilege commensurate with responsibility." The "adults" in TSD's student population did not need houseparent



Superintendent John F. Grace (right) and principal A.W. Douglas open the first student assembly of the 1960-61 school year.

In 1965 under Superintendent A.W. Douglas, the school gained control of the Texas Deaf, Blind and Orphan School for Colored Youths and its campus on Airport Boulevard. This facility became TSD's East Campus.

The first order of business was sending the black blind students to the state school for the blind while establishing TSD's Middle School on the new East Campus. Elementary and secondary programs were located on South Campus. Black TSD students at all levels lived on East Campus until TSD quietly integrated the cottages on East Campus in 1966. This action reflected the integration

curriculum changes and forced program changes in a school which had previously educated "normal" deaf children.

More and more the normal deaf were being educated in their home school districts in the Regional Day School Programs. State and national legislation prompted an increase in the regional schools by, in essence, encouraging "mainstreaming" the deaf children into regular public schools.

Gary A. Curtis, who became superintendent of the school in 1972, left TSD the next year to become more involved with the Regional Day



Albert W. Douglas Named As Acting Superintendent

Mr. Albert W. Douglas, acting superintendent, has demonstrated his executive and leadership ability as he has inaugurated the year's program in the Texas School for the Deaf.

Because of his previous position with the school, that of curriculum director, and his close association with Supt. Stelle during the past four years, he is perfectly familiar with every facet of the school program. Being acquainted with the teachers and knowing their capabilities, he has been able to make assignments and direct all phases of the work with a maximum of efficiency.

Mr. Douglas has been appointed principal of the school for this year, which position he will fill when the recently appointed superintendent arrives on the field.

The Lone Star

L.S. Jan. 15, 1952
Curriculum Director
Albert W. Douglas
Married In Ohio

Mr. Albert W. Douglas, Curriculum Director for Texas School for the Deaf, was married to Miss Ruth Lundine of Cleveland, Ohio, on December 24, at the home of the bride. She is the daughter of Mr. Carl Lundine of that city.

A graduate of Western Reserve University and holding a Master's Degree from Columbia University in New York, the bride has served as Assistant Director of the Cleveland Speech and Hearing Clinic for the past eight years.

The bridegroom came to TSD at the beginning of the 1950-52 school term as Director of Curriculum and as one of the teachers supplied by the school as lecturer at the University of Texas. He is also charged with the responsibility of supervising practice teaching of the teacher trainees under the co-operative program between the University and the School for the Deaf. He came to Texas from the American School for the Deaf at Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas are at home at 806 Baylor St. in Austin.

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Outstanding interpreter

Helen Sewell recognized

One great challenge to today's deaf person is to achieve better communication with a hearing world. His greatest adventure consists in the well-balanced and sane effort to advance the borders of perception out through the dim realms of deafness in a whole-hearted effort to contact—to communicate with—hearing people.

An invaluable aid in this task is the intermediary—the person with one foot in each world, the person who

is a living, breathing connection—the interpreter.

The Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf at their annual conference in Corpus Christi, March 30-April 1, honored one such outstanding person. Helen R. Sewell, formerly a TSD teacher and communication specialist, was elected as a lifetime member of TSID, the highest tribute bestowed by the organization.

"The state organization,

with a membership of almost 400, honored Ms. Sewell for her contributions to the profession of interpreting for the deaf. She is the fourth person to be elected as a lifetime member," said Carolyn Lacey, TSID secretary.

Presently a communication specialist with the Statewide Project for the Deaf, Ms. Sewell is to be honored at next year's annual conference banquet in Austin, April 1980.



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TSD mourns Douglas' death

Mr. Albert W. Douglas, whose adult life was spent helping deaf people, died in Austin on April 6 at the age of 63. Mr. Douglas's career, which spanned nearly four decades of working with and for the deaf, included many years at TSD, which he joined in 1950 as curriculum coordinator. In 1954 he became principal, a position he held until 1965 when he was named as superintendent. Mr. Douglas served in this capacity until 1972, when he resigned in order to work with the Texas Education Agency. There he was the chief consultant for Special Education.

A native of Brattleboro, Vt., Mr. Douglas earned a



Albert W. Douglas

B.S. in Education at the University of South Carolina in 1938 and a M.A. in Education of the Deaf at Gallaudet College in 1941. He completed additional graduate work at the University of Connecticut, New Britain Teachers Col-

lege and The University of Texas.

Before coming to Austin Mr. Douglas served as both a teacher and a supervisor at the American School for the Deaf and as an acoustic expert with the U.S. Army.

During his stay at TSD Mr. Douglas also found time to lecture at The University of Texas and to teach a number of summer sessions at Western Reserve and Texas Women's College.

Let us remember and honor this man who devoted so much of his life to the service of others and who continues to live through his many contributions which enrich the lives of the present TSD family.

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ALBERT W. DOUGLAS TO TEXAS

Albert W. Douglas has accepted the position of Director of the Curriculum at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, Texas, and Lecturer in the Department of Educational Psychology, College of Education, at the University of Texas. A joint arrangement between the University of Texas and the School for the Deaf provides for a training center for teachers of the deaf at the University of Texas. The Texas School for the Deaf serves as a laboratory for the center and Albert Douglas will have the responsibility of supervising practice teaching. Albert Douglas was a teacher at the Austine School for the Deaf in Brattleboro, Vt., and Principal of the Advanced Department at the American School in West Hartford, Conn., before going to Texas. During the war he was in the Rehabilitation work for deafened soldiers. He is a graduate of the Normal Training Department of Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C.



ADULT DEAF CLASSES *Am 2/6/69* Members of the Advisory Committee of the Adult Education Program for the Deaf which met here this week are (L-R) A. W. Douglas, superintendent of Texas School for Deaf; Dr. Walter C. Rubke, president of Concordia College; Ralph White, consultant for deaf, Texas Education Agency; and Dean Cunningham, director of Adult Education Programs, Texas School for Deaf.

The classes are held at Concordia, but the project is a cooperative program between the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the THA and the Texas School for Deaf. Eighty-five adult deaf are taking the 20-week long courses. The committee Tuesday heard progress reports on the federally-funded project — the first community deaf adult continuing education classes in Texas.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

This zoning/rezoning request will be reviewed and acted upon at two public hearings. Before the Land Use Commission and the City Council. Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During its public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an applicant's hearing to a later date, or may evaluate the City staff's recommendation and public input forwarding its own recommendation to the City Council. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

During its public hearing, the City Council may grant or deny a zoning request, or rezone the land to a less intensive zoning than requested but in no case will it grant a more intensive zoning.

However, in order to allow for mixed use development, the Council may add the MIXED USE (MU) COMBINING DISTRICT to certain commercial districts. The MU Combining District simply allows residential uses in addition to those uses already allowed in the given commercial zoning districts. As a result, the MU Combining District allows the combination of office, retail, commercial and residential uses within a single development.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our website:

www.ci.austin.tx.us/development

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, and the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice.

Case Number: C14H-07-0020 *Waverly Church - Douglas Heights*
 Contact: Steve Sadowsky, (512) 974-6454 *1200 Travis Heights Blvd*
 Public Hearing:
 September 24, 2007 Historic Landmark
 Commission

☒ I am in favor
☐ I object

Your Name (please print) *Elleen L. Young*

Your address(es) affected by this application *1200 Travis Heights Blvd.*

Signature *Elleen L. Young* Date *9-17-07*

Comments:

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

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